

What is claimed is:

1. A method for automatically correcting distortion of a front-projected display under observation by a camera, the method comprising the steps of:

5           observing a first image, projected from at least one projector, comprising at least one target distribution of light intensities;

          for each conglomeration of white pixels of a difference image, compute a bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a framebuffer information of the camera, compute a bounding box comprising a corresponding  
10           conglomeration of pixels in a framebuffer information of said projector, compute an initial homography matrix,  $H_{temp}$ , mapping pixels of said projector's bounding box to those of the camera's bounding box, optimize said initial homography matrix, compute a central location,  $(C_x, C_y)$ , of the camera's bounding box using said initial homography matrix; and

15           using a plurality of correspondence values comprising said correspondence, compute a corrective transform to aid in the automatic correcting of the display.

2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

          using said corrective transform and a set of intrinsic parameters of the  
20           camera and said projector, compute a corrective warp;

          using said corrective warp, compute an updated projector framebuffer information; and

          calculating matchpoints for use by an application program code.

25   3. The method of Claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

          observing an updated image resulting from projecting said updated projector framebuffer information;

          using a second homography,  $C$ , construct a predicted image of said updated image; and

30           in the event said updated predicted image is not substantially similar to said updated image, compute a new corrective transform.

4. The method of Claim 3 wherein said step of computing a new corrective transform comprises:

observing a current image;

for each conglomeration of white pixels of a current difference image, compute a current bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a current framebuffer information of the camera, compute a current bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a current  
5 framebuffer information of said projector, compute a current homography matrix mapping pixels of said projector's current bounding box to those of the camera's current bounding box, optimize said current homography matrix, compute a current central location,  $(C_x', C_y')$ , of the camera's current bounding box using said current  
10 homography matrix; and

using a plurality of current correspondence values comprising said current correspondence, compute said new corrective transform.

5. The method of Claim 4 further comprising the steps of:  
15 using said new corrective transform and said set of intrinsic parameters of the camera and said projector, compute a current corrective warp; and  
using said current corrective warp, compute a current updated projector framebuffer information.

20 6. The method of Claim 1 wherein:  
said step to optimize said initial homography matrix comprises evaluating a normalized similarity score on pixels within the camera's bounding box; and  
said step of computing a corrective transform comprises applying a least squares fit technique.

25 7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of monitoring the front-projected display comprising:  
periodically observing a current image; and  
compute a current corrective transform.

30 8. A system for automatically correcting distortion of a front-projected display region under observation by a camera, the system comprising:  
the display comprising a projected image from at least one projector, said projected image comprising a first image having at least one target distribution of

light intensities, and thereafter, an updated image resulting from projecting a correctively-warped projector framebuffer information; and

at least one processor adapted for, for each conglomeration of white pixels of a difference image, (a) computing a bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a framebuffer information of the camera, (b) computing a bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a framebuffer information of said projector, (c) computing an initial homography matrix,  $H_{temp}$ , mapping pixels of said projector's bounding box to those of the camera's bounding box, (d) optimizing said initial homography matrix, (e) computing a central location,  $(C_x, C_y)$ , of the camera's bounding box using said initial homography matrix, and (e) using a plurality of correspondence values comprising said correspondence, computing a corrective transform and, therefrom, computing a corrective warp for the automatic correcting of the display.

9. The system of Claim 8 wherein said at least one processor is further adapted for monitoring the front-projected display.

10. A computer executable program code on a computer readable storage medium for automatically correcting distortion of a front-projected display under observation by a camera, the program code comprising:

a first program sub-code for observing a first image, projected from at least one projector, comprising at least one target distribution of light intensities;

a second program sub-code for: for each conglomeration of white pixels of a difference image, computing a bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a framebuffer information of the camera, computing a bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a framebuffer information of said projector, computing an initial homography matrix,  $H_{temp}$ , mapping pixels of said projector's bounding box to those of the camera's bounding box, optimizing said initial homography matrix, computing a central location,  $(C_x, C_y)$ , of the camera's bounding box using said initial homography matrix; and

a third program sub-code for, using a plurality of correspondence values comprising said correspondence, computing a corrective transform to aid in the automatic correcting of the display.

11. The program code of Claim 10 further comprising a fourth program sub-code for: using said corrective transform and a set of intrinsic parameters of the camera and said projector, computing a corrective warp; and, using said corrective warp, computing an updated projector framebuffer information.

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12. The program code of Claim 11 further comprising a fifth program sub-code for:  
observing an updated image resulting from projecting said updated projector  
framebuffer information;  
using a second homography,  $C$ , constructing a predicted image of said  
updated image; and  
in the event said updated predicted image is not substantially similar to said  
updated image, computing a new corrective transform.

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13. The program code of Claim 12 further comprising a sixth program sub-code for  
computing said new corrective transform, said sixth program sub-code comprising  
instructions for:

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observing a current image;

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for each conglomeration of white pixels of a current difference image,  
compute a current bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of  
pixels in a current framebuffer information of the camera, compute a current  
bounding box comprising a corresponding conglomeration of pixels in a current  
framebuffer information of said projector, compute a current homography matrix  
mapping pixels of said projector's current bounding box to those of the camera's  
current bounding box, optimize said current homography matrix, compute a current  
central location,  $(C_x', C_y')$ , of the camera's current bounding box using said current  
homography matrix; and

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using a plurality of current correspondence values comprising said current  
correspondence, compute said new corrective transform.

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14. The program code of Claim 10 further comprising a fourth program sub-code for  
monitoring the front-projected display.